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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

DYNESHIA BELLAMY, R.N. License # NP05583700

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about August 30, 2012, respondent was arrested on charges of assault and criminal mischief, following allegations that she assaulted an emergency services worker and breaking an LCD television, a video game and a laptop computer while visiting a friend at a nursing home. Respondent has admitted to the conduct of breaking the television and other objects, which she indicated was provoked by "an overwhelming sense of grief, anxiety, despair and anger." Respondent also indicated she "blacked out."

- 3. On or about September 12, 2012, respondent was asked to provide documentation of all continuing education completed within the last three years. She did not provide documentation of any continuing education.
- 4. On respondent's renewal application filed on May 13, 2012, respondent indicated that she would have completed her continuing education obligation for 2010-2010 2y May 31, 2012.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Respondent's admitted conduct relates adversely to the practice of nursing within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and indicates she may be incapable of performing the functions of a licensee for medical or other reasons within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i).
- 2. Respondent's failure to demonstrate timely completion of the continuing education obligation for the June 1, 2010-May 31, 2012 renewal cycle constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, and subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).
- 2. Respondent's indication that she would have timely completed the 2010-2012 continuing education obligation when she did not complete the continuing education obligation constitutes misrepresentation or deception within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on October 28, 2013, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a reprimand and a \$250.00 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of

record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record indicates that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was returned, unclaimed, and the regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board therefore determined that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

- 1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until she enrolled in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) and is able to demonstrate that she is fit and competent to practice nursing by undergoing evaluation and monitoring under the auspices of RAMP; and until she has documented completion of continuing education requirements for the 2010-2012 renewal period.
- 2. A public reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's provision of inaccurate information on her renewal application in 2012.

A \$250.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed for the failure to comply with 3. N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Ву:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN Board President